



WEST UNION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

101 North Vine Street
West Union, IA 52175

July 30, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the West Union Chamber of Commerce to offer our support for the City of West Union and its application to the State of Iowa's I-Jobs Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant program. The Chamber of Commerce has been a partner in this project since it began over 16 months ago and is excited about the opportunities our community has been able to receive thus far and anticipate even more opportunities in the future. Since becoming a "Green Pilot Community" for the State of Iowa, our city has worked to lessen our future impact on neighboring communities, and others downstream, by developing plans to mitigate future flooding through the incorporation of water retention elements into our streetscape. As downtown building owners, the Chamber Board is excited about the opportunity to connect to the shared geothermal loop, both for the energy savings it will provide and its positive impact on the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Meyer
President

Main Street West Union

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July 30, 2009

I-Jobs
Grant Review Committee

RE: Grant Application

Dear Review Committee Members;

As President of our local Main Street Board I am writing this letter to indicate that the proposed street improvement project for West Union has the full support of Main Street West Union.

Our local organization has pledged \$10,000 towards the project and to date we have raised over \$5,000 of those funds. In addition to financial support, Main Street West Union has contributed many staff and volunteer hours to help facilitate organizational and planning meetings for this project as it moves through various phases towards completion. Main Street West Union is also committed to future staff and volunteer hours to minimize business disruption while in the construction phase.

We believe that this is an important project for West Union, the State of Iowa and the Nation. West Union's Green Pilot street improvement project will showcase the first time a community has integrated various "green" sustainable systems working together to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet and improve public safety while at the same time creating economic benefits for our downtown businesses.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and Main Street West Union asks that you be a part of this great project by helping with the needed funding sources.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory Ptacek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" being more prominent than the last name "Ptacek".

Gregory Ptacek
Main Street West Union, Board President



Fayette County Economic Development

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July 30, 2009

Dear Grant Review Committee:

I am writing to offer support for the Green Pilot Streetscape Project being planned by the City of West Union. Fayette County Economic Development has offered technical planning support for this project since it began in 2008 and will continue to be involved as the project moves forward.

The Green Pilot Streetscape Project will not only improve storm water management practices and improve energy efficiency for West Union, but it will also serve as a model for other communities in the State of Iowa and the Midwest. This model of sustainable public infrastructure will strive to reduce greenhouse gas, and improve the environmental, economic, and social conditions in the community and county. This highly-integrated project will provide for new economic opportunities in the region by providing an environment to support existing businesses and encourage sustainable businesses to locate here. By reducing energy costs and reducing harmful emissions, this model project will benefit many communities located throughout Fayette County. The community has worked very hard to build strong partnerships with state, county, and local officials to support this project, creating a strong base for long term change.

We hope that the application will score favorably and be funded. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin M Bostrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Bostrom
Executive Director
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July 30, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the City of West Union and its application to the State of Iowa's I-Jobs Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant program. As one of Iowa's designated "Green Pilot" communities, West Union has been working closely with many partners to develop a comprehensive streetscape project that will be a replicable model of sustainable community action, generate cost-effective greenhouse gas reductions, and improve the environmental, economic, public health, and social conditions in the community. The integrated approach being planned for this project will have benefit to the environment through water retention and cleansing and a reduction in energy usage through a downtown shared geothermal loop for heating and cooling. As a community, we can cut energy costs and reduce harmful emissions at the local level, and build a model for sustainable, green infrastructure for every community.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Lauer
President



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Review Committee of the I-Jobs Board of Directors
Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

July 30, 2009

Re: West Union Application for Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant
Program-2010

Dear Review Committee

On behalf of the Great Places program, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the West Union Local Infrastructure grant application.

West Union was designated an "Iowa Great Place" in October 2008, and was officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Governor Culver in February, 2009. Development of a model green community is an integral part of the plan to enhance the livability of West Union for its citizens and visitors. This is part of the larger plan to improve the quality of life in West Union. In obtaining the Great Places designation, the State of Iowa has committed to assisting West Union in the implementation of their plan by offering technical and financial assistance to achieve maximum impact.

West Union needs assistance from the proposed grant application to complete the Green Pilot Streetscape. The Green Pilot program is an essential part of partnering between the State and West Union to ensure that green principles are required and implemented to serve as a model for the entire State of Iowa. This grant would also potentially cover 50% of the planned streetscape project of the Disaster Mitigation focus. It would also reduce water runoff from the downtown area.

Due to the collaborative nature and the new partnerships that Great Places has created through the proposal process, there is strong community support for this project. Additionally, because it is part of a larger plan to make city and community environments more green friendly, this plan meshes well with the larger city vision for a "green environment."

I am confident that investment in this project is money well spent and I invite the Local Infrastructure Grant Program to give West Union's grant application the full weight of extra consideration granted to Great Places under the Governor's Executive Order and statutory authority pursuant to section 303.3c Iowa Code.

As Program Coordinator for Great Places, and as part of the Department of Cultural Affairs our agency enthusiastically supports this grant application.

Sincerely,

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August 3rd, 2009

Review Committee of the I-Jobs Board of Directors
Iowa Finance Authority
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Dear Review Committee,

The Fayette County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer our support for the City of West Union and its application to the State of Iowa's I-Jobs Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant program. West Union is the county seat of Fayette County and our courthouse graces the square in the center of town. The streetscape project will have a direct impact on the courthouse and we are hopeful that we will be able to take full advantage of the shared geothermal heating and cooling system. As a focal point in the community, the streetscape as proposed will add to the beauty and appeal of our courthouse, encouraging its use as a community gathering place. We look forward to being part of the "Green Pilot Community", a showcase of sustainability that can be duplicated in other small towns across Iowa and the nation. We have already taken advantage of several opportunities to explore the options available to increase our efficiency, including a lighting analysis and an energy audit. We hope to implement suggestions as funds allow.

As supervisors, we are concerned about the slowing economy and growing layoffs in our region. Projects such as these can not only put people to work now, but increase the appeal of a community and region to help attract long term business investment in the area.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Gayle Tellin
Chairman, Board of Supervisors